

AGENDA ITEM 4A

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CENTRAL BASIN WATERMASTER WATER RIGHTS PANEL

PROGRESS PARK, BOARD ROOM
15500 DOWNEY AVE PARAMOUNT CA

1:30 P.M, THURSDAY, MARCH 14, 2023

Chair Moore called the meeting of the Central Basin Watermaster Water Rights Panel to order at 1:49 pm.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Moore led the pledge of allegiance.

2. ROLL CALL

Panel Members

Steve Lenton	Bellflower-Somerset Mutual Water Company
Dan Mueller	City of Downey (Absent)
Derek Nguyen	City of Lakewood
Anatole Falagan	City of Long Beach
Adriana Figueroa	City of Paramount (Absent)
Thomas Bekele	City of Signal Hill (Absent)
Toby Moore	Golden State Water Company

Also Present

Tilden Kim	RWG Law
Jackie Ramirez	Water Replenishment District (Secretary)
Esther Rojas	Water Replenishment District
Asha Kreiling	Water Replenishment District
Aimee Zhao	Water Replenishment District
Matt Qassis	LADWP

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were received.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

Chair Moore entertained a motion to approve Item 4. The motion was made by Vice Chair Falagan and seconded by Panel Member Lenton.

The consent calendar was approved by a unanimous voice vote of 4 ayes, 0 abstentions, and 0 no's on item 4b (4-1-0).

5. TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Nguyen presented the Treasurer's Report.

Watermaster Budget

Ms. Rojas stated that the Panel was issued a reimbursement of \$32,540.94 for the AY 2023-24 assessment collected. Staff are working on preparing the AY 2024-2025 budget. Notices will be mailed by April 1st in accordance with the Judgment.

Treasurer Nguyen sought clarification on the reimbursement and Ms. Rojas stated it was money collected for the Panel Assessment.

Chair Moore entertained a motion to receive and file the Treasurer's Report. The motion was made by Vice Chair Falagan and seconded by Treasurer Nguyen.

The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote of 4 ayes, 0 abstentions, and 0 no's (4-0-0).

7. ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Attorney Kim stated that Attorney Markman was out due to medical reasons.

8. SECRETARY'S REPORT

Secretary Ramirez had nothing to report.

9. WATER METER TESTING

Secretary Ramirez presented the meter testing report summaries for September 2023, October 2023, November 2023, December 2023, and January 2024. During this period, 80 meters were tested, and 80 meters were determined to be within the acceptable margin of error.

Chair Moore entertained a motion to receive and file the Water Meter Testing Report. The motion was made by Vice Chair Falagan and seconded by Treasurer Nguyen.

The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote of 4 ayes, 0 abstentions, and 0 no's (4-0-0).

10. METER TESTING CONTRACT AMENDMENT

Chair Moore stated that the meter testing contract is up to expire at the end of June. A contract extension was received from the Department of Water Resources (DWR) with the same terms that include price and schedule if the Panel decides to continue with their services. Chair Moore stated that there was an error on the addressee for the Water Rights Panel with a prior Downey address that will be updated if the contract amendment is approved by the Panel.

Chair Moore entertained a motion to approve the extension of the meter testing contract with DWR. The motion was made by Panel Member Lenton and seconded Treasurer Nguyen.

Chair Moore suggested a future item with the assistance of WRD regarding Orange County Water District New General Manager wanting to address lost water to Central Basin. He requested that WRD Manager of Hydrogeology Brian Partington provide insight on the ongoing conversations occurring between WRD and OCWD.

Ms. Rojas indicated that WRD would coordinate to have Mr. Partington speak at a future Panel meeting.

14. WATER RIGHTS PANEL MEMBER COMMENTS

Regular Meeting was adjourned at 2:08 pm.



CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:



SECRETARY